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¶1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation Bureau, Global Issues Cooperation Division official Shinsuke Okawa told Emboff October 1 the GOJ is ramping up its preparations for the Doha high-level FfD Review Conference in November (reftel). Okawa's division leads formulating the GOJ's position on the Outcome Document, coordinating with the Ministry of Finance, the Financial Services Agency and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The GOJ has not yet determined who will lead the Japanese delegation. Okawa reported a Senior Vice Minister attended the 2002 FfD Conference in Monterrey and Okawa said the level of GOJ representative may depend on the internal political situation in November.

¶2. Ministry of Finance International Bureau Development Policy Division Section Chief Emiri Suzuki said her office is also reviewing GOJ's positions, in the run-up to the conference specifically on debt relief, and noted the USG's interest in a successful outcome in Doha. She also anticipates working with yet unnamed counterparts in the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

¶3. Emboffs will report additional information relevant to the GOJ's participation in the Doha high-level FfD Review Conference as it becomes available.

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